The next Session of the Imperial Council will occur at Buffalo, N.Y. on the second Tuesday in June, 1899

Some of the Nobility are seeking employment—none of them are looking for soft snaps—and are willing and anxious to fill any position that will procure them an honorable livelihood; remember this! Help them if you can. Our Recorder will gladly give you their names and addresses.

WHAT WILL MRS. GRUNDY SAY?

John Barleycorn was a hero bold
Of noble enterprise.
For if you do but taste his blood,
'Twill make your courage rise,
'Twill make a man forget his woe,
'Twill lighten all his joys.

By the Black Stone's sacred spell,
By the Zem Zem's crystal well,
By the Arab's words of cheer,
By the Koran's teachings clear,
By its charity divine,
Welcome to the Mystic Shrine.

The Annual Election of

OFFICERS

will occur at this Session.

Macht dich nicht lustig ueber Papa!

J. REED TOPPING, Potentate,
No. 107 East Main Street.

Das ist was fehlt Hannah!

E. STEWART SUMNER, Recorder,
No. 45 Wall Street.

Siehstduwiedugukst!

WILLIAM R. FRISBIE, Director.

Annual Session

—OF—

Pyramid Temple,

Oasis of Bridgeport, Conn.

Es Selamu Aleikum!

Illustrious Noble, Attend!

An up-to-date, gyjantic, rantankerous and stupendous Fete-Champetre and Jubilee, will occur on the

Seventh day, eighth month Hejra, anno Mohammedani 1316, forty-fourth cycle...

SHAABAN,

Which is our hayseed vernacular, answers to

Wednesday, December 14, 1898,

At 7 o'clock SHARP,

At Sailer's Hall, No. 655 Main St.

—FOR—

Ordeals, Trials, Burziness and Lamentations.

In Memory of

Patricious Hoolyghan (the Stone Mason), born in Connamerahhaha, and his wife Bridgetina, who lived long (and broad) and finally succombed peacefully under the inflooence of Jyn Phiz. Peace to their ashes! This illustrious couple are famed in the classics, as having successfully crossed those gay birds, the whangdoodle with the Vulva.

Hellish Spankings,	= =	Snorts
Illuminated Tekkichs,		Brilliant Minarets
Zikers for the Faithful,		Lucubrations
Pyrotechine displays,		Queer Drops
Awful Tortures,	= =	Pleadings
Whalings galore,	= =	Spasms
Solemn Celebrations,	=	Steeplechases
Rough Riders,		Sacrifices by Pilgrims

The Heathen are Crying for Light.

St. Martin's Summer has passed, winter is on the wing; the humps upon our camels are covered with goose-pimples the size of thimbles. The unregenerate and unwashed are beating their heads upon the sod and crying aloud before the tent of our Potentate, and are urgently praying for admission to our goodly Temple. Therefore have your candidates on hand punctually at 7.30 o'clock. Petitions will be received, acted upon and the Order of the Shrine conferred in all its oriental magnificence at this session.

The Massacre will begin at 8 P. M.

There have been miscarriages in our midst! Have they been yanked hence, or where are they at? Notices addressed to the following Nobles have been returned "not found." If you know of their whereabouts notify our Recorder "to wunst."

Herbert R. Stratton,
Robert Henderson,
— William G. Butler,
P. Oscar Gardner,
George H. Thresh,
C. A. Heaton,
Eugene S. Kendall,
Arthur C. Perry,
George W. Giddings,
S. W. Versoy,
James S. Clark,
R. W. Beecher, Denver
A. F. Clark,
A. C. Hooper,
John D. Baxter, Shofld
D John E. Rollings,
Hobart Le G. Hotchkiss.

A. C. Allen, Shofld
Harry B. Ryan,
X M. P. Oliver,
Edward A. Chatfield,
Charles W. Orr,
Almond A. Perkins,
— William G. Butler,
Theodore Shook,
Charles F. Harris,
George W. Delavan, Brewsters
Edward E. Harris,
X Morgan P. Oliver,
Charles E. Goodrich,
Frank B. Hook,
George E. Spare,
Walter A. Cheney,
Albert W. Fitzpatrick.

Non Commatibus in Swampo.

(It doos beat—how hard the times is)

Visiting Nobles will be given the frozen face should they forget to provide themselves with "certificates of good and regular standing" from their own Temple, otherwise they cannot be admitted. (Always carry your Shrine Card when visiting your own or a Sister Temple.)

No Smoking During Session: This Goes!

Don't Forget Your Fez & Claws.

When the time-ball drops at 10:30 q. m. imported slaves from the Harem of Abdul Q, Chimborazo will blow us off to copious injections of Zem Zem frappe jerked from the interior of a neeoptic dromedary fresh from the preserves of the Duke de Kackeak of Barkhamsted—Light.

To the Novice.

Would you like to be a Shriner,
And with the Nobles stand,
With a fez upon your top-knot
And diploma in your hand?

Then come and join the caravan,
Across the red-hot sands;
You'll be supplied with sandwiches
And patent leather fans.

They'll let you stand on Araphat,
And view the landscapes o'er;
And, if you'll promise not to tell,
They'll show you plenty more.

The cost is only twenty-five dolls,
'Tis worth twice that, they say.
And should you want your money back
Why, call some other day.

Our little lambs will receive a large batch of trading stamps (in the neck), as their faltering feetsteps are guided to the fire-escape, where a flock of toy balloons will be liberated, and views of the Seventh Heaven will be exhibited through the other end of the telescope.

The following proposed amendment to the By-Laws was submitted April 13, 1898, and laid over under the rules until our Stated Session in December, 1898.

Article III, Section 3. The dues of the members of this Temple shall be **Two Dollars** ($2.00) for each year, or any part of each year, during which they shall be or become such members, and shall be payable annually to the Recorder, on or before the Stated Session in December.

Section 4. Any member of this Temple who shall neglect or refuse to pay his dues for the period of one year after the same are payable, as prescribed in the preceeding section, may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at any Stated Session of the Temple, twenty days previous notice to pay such dues or show cause why he should not be so suspended, having been mailed to him at his last known address, by the Recorder.

Coena Sumptuosissimus!

At 11 G. M. (after the Novices have been fanned back to life,) the Gang will be blown off to a bevelled-edge spread prepared by **Anningus Josephus Schmidth**, Purveyor to His Royal Giblets, the King of Lard Island.

Here is your Fodder (perhaps).

MEENOO OR MAYNEE.

(American French as she is spoke.)

Yellow Mill Pond Trunk Sewer Oysters on the ¾ shell.
Clams (Rubber or Low-necks). Paty du Clam.

POTAGE.

Lyncrusta Walton, Celluloid, Bog, Boiled Oyster Stew,
Milk Weed, Bill-board-paste. Oleomargarine, Guano.

POISSON.

Barnacles a la Nooburg, Octopus slathered with Oxaleckasid.
Pin Fish, Codfish Balls, Skates. Baked Whale.
Chinese Polywogs, Periwinkles, dandruff sauce. Suckers,
Walrus Liver, pluck and lights (electric) breaded.
Sardines (from Maine) in good old cotton-seed oil.
Fiddlers in Jelly. Sea Spiders with Mayonnaise. Crabs (the real kind).
Shiners. Swimmer on toast—*i. e.*—picked up fish.

OEUFS.

Tired Eggs. Antique Eggs. Eggs just snaired, Egbert's Eggs.
Egremont Eggs. Eggsactly.
Body on a raft—*i. e.*—poached eggs on toast.
One wreck—*i. e.*—scrambled eggs.

GIBIER.

Fire hang Birds. Politician Crow. Old Squaws Skugeed.
Duck (W. F.). Iguano Soufflé. Wharf Rats Kalsomined.
Pensioners, soaked in Tabasco sauce.
Teeter A. Snipe, with asbestos dressing. Pidgeon (clay or stool).
Sea Gulls, a la Kelsey's coal yard.
Mud Hens stuffed with blasting powder and roasted in Hades.
Blue (and other) Jays. Shitepokes. Flannel mouthed "turk(ey)."
Hell Divers, razzooed. Ostrich lungs, fricasseed. Stud Hoss Poke.
Buzzards from Buzzard's Bay, shot by Old Cleve himself.
Gutter Snipe. Skunk stuffed with poultice.

ON THE SIDE.

Flamingoe's eye brows, stewed in tar. Grilled Rhinoceros.
Kosherwurst with catchooze-balls. Steak from that Matanzas Mule.
Bubble and Squeak from Hold Hengland.
Bed Bug Hash, a la Delmonico. Yucatan Toad Cutlets with Sauerkraut.
Canada Thistle Salad.
Brick house on a stone wall—*i. e.*—Corned Beef and Cabbage.
Hawk in the mud—*i. e.*—Irish stew.
Westchester Sauce. Fresh Salt. Sinkers. Fine Cocoanut-shell Pepper.
Sheeney funeral without a hearse—*i. e.*—Baked Beans.
Chicago and Boston Limited—*i. e.*—Pork and Beans.
Pistache.

CHAUD.

Sugared Icicles. Gedämpftes Snow Balls. Pistache.

DESERT.

Bald Mince Pie (Frisbie's knee plus ulster.)
Custards from Camp Riga, Twin Lakes, Litchfield County, Conn.

BOISSONS.

Here is where we wash our sins away.

Liquid Delight. Coughpy. Thompson's Eye-water. "Big G."
Tough Gordon Setter Sherry. Obejoyful. Wine of Colchicum.
Booze. Tarantula Juice. Milk (Camel). Milk of Human Kindness.
Usquebaugh.

CIGARS AND SEGARS.

The Hackman's Balm. Pride of the Sewer. Flor de Cabbageos.
Cubebs. Punk. Rattan. The Stock Yard Zephyr.
Stinkerinos. Corn Silk. The Hod Carriers' Relief. Sweetfern.
Grabeolas. The Democratic Caucus. Pimpsticks. Cuspadoroes.
The Vestal Virgin's Breath.
Dewey and Sampson's Puerto Obscuroe and Manilla-Cubania Specials.

P. S. The Old Folks will be soaked for fruit and stuff swiped from the table by the kids—See?

~~P. S.~~ All meals sent to rooms will have a war-tax on 'em.

Official Divan for 1898.

J. REED TOPPING, M. D.,	Potentate
JESSE B. CORNWALL,	Chief Rabban
JAMES A. WILSON,	Assistant Rabban
FRANK M. WILSON,	High Priest and Prophet
FRED. C. WHIPPLE,	Oriental Guide
EBENEZER S. PHILLIPS,	Treasurer
E. STEWART SUMNER,	Recorder
MERLE C. COWLES,	First Ceremonial Master
JOHN M. HAWLEY,	Second Ceremonial Master
HENRY H. PYLE,	Marshal
JOHN W. BEDIENT,	Captain of the Guard
ALBERT L. EUGENE,	Outer Guard

William R. Frisbie,	Director
George M. Baldwin,	"
Charles E. Roath,	"
William E. Seeley, Jr.,	"
Abram Heaton,	Alchemist
Charles C. Godfrey,	Pyrotechnist
George W. Roberts,	Organist
George M. Hubbell,	Trustee of Properties
Carlos O'Phlegming,	Guide to the Infernal Regions
Billy Marigold,	Manipulator of the Toboggan and Gore Buckets

Arab Patrol.

Francesco de Naramore, Captain.

Barron Miller	Trace Warren
Jim Porter	Tom Macdonald
Siebsie	Nelse Freshour
Emory Meeker	Free Robertson
Nell Beach	Jimmie Emmons
Fritz Seidensticker	Ned Graves
Gran Goodsell	Charlie Ware
Heinrich Fresenius	Wallie Dann
Sam Holliday	Christ Swartz
Charlie Fox	Johnnie Light
Feeney Bishop	Shakespeare Alvord
Ed. Armstrong	Bill Dean Skidmore
Jack Linsley	Young Brad Pierce
Sam Gledhill	Barker Parrott
Pete West	Johnnie Shelton
Billy Waterhouse	Jake Kiefer

Chanters al Koran

Soprano, Edward A. Creevey — George P. Rand, *Mezzo Soprano*
Contralto, Charles C. Wilmot — Thomas L. Bartholomew, *Alto*.

All waltzes and varsouviennes played by the Weehauken Zouaves.

Spielers.

Charles M. Biltz,	Kazoo.
Allan W. Paige,	Accordeon.
Julius W. Skidmore,	Autoharp.
Edward S. Warnes,	Post Horn.
Robert J. Veit,	Cornet.
Henry M. Purdy,	Helicon.
Civilion Fones,	Trumpet.
Frank P. Bump,	Saxophone.
George E. Somers,	Lyre.
Charles D. Davis,	Violoncello.
Horace Pigg,	Xylophone.
Fred W. Tracy,	Trombone.
George W. Jackman,	Fife.
Charles W. Fox,	Viola.
George E. Botsford,	Harmonica.
Omnium Gatherum Fox,	Swinette.
Charles G. Downs,	Flageolet.
Orland Smith,	Guitar.
Caleb H. Bennett,	Harp.
Handsome Van,	Hautbois.
J. W. Knowlton,	Calliope.
Philo H. Beers,	Metallophone.
Aaron W. Wallace,	Tuba.
Edward P. Walter,	Cymbals.
George Richardson,	Phonoharp.
John St. John,	Vocophone.
Charles B. Read,	Symphonion.
Asa S. Parsons,	Triangle.
Thomas P. Taylor,	Pitch Pipe.
Fred S. Stevens,	Jews Harp.
Jacobus Von Huber,	Glockenspiel.
Frederick Sailer,	Tuberphone.
Alpheus D. Dutton,	Kettle Drum.
George E. Melius,	Tambourine.
Henry Woodward,	Bass Drum.
Frederick Hindsley,	Zither.
Daniel N. Morgan,	Ocarina.
George H. Sage,	Snare Drum.
John A. Rusling,	Zobo.
William W. Ingham,	Bag Pipe.
George B. Bunnell,	Piccolo,
Charles M. Gerdenier,	Mussette.
George W. Osborn,	Bassoon.

The Aerial Committee will see to it that the Chain Gang shoot the chute to the lethean dungeons where they will receive the sacred brand of **Nixcomarouse**, and Whirling Dervishes will inform the unsophisticated that "life depends upon the liver" and they need stand in no fear of Katzenjammer nor band-wagon-heads in the manana.